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Title: NOISE REDUCTION APPARATUS AND NOISE REDUCTION
METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention U.S. serial no. 08/851,278, filed May 5, 1997, which may be related to the above identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

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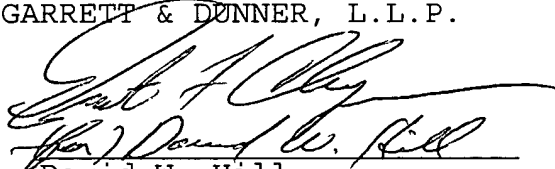
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